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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the University of La Verne School of Mental Health and Psychological Well-Being in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of La Verne, located at 1950 Third Street, La Verne, CA 91750.

The funding would be used to launch the University of La Verne's School of Mental Health and Psychological Well-Being (The School). The School will address the critical shortage of mental health practitioners, support career advancement for current practitioners, and improve overall mental health and well-being outcomes in the 32nd Congressional District and the greater Southern California region. Specifically, the School will focus on activities such as expanding and enhancing ongoing educational and community-centered programming; hiring and training faculty in social determinants of health to better serve students and constituents; establishing and improving mental health degree programs; developing and improving evidence-based and culturally competent mental health curricula; upgrading technology and telecommunications for faster delivery of services; acquiring laboratory equipment such as a simulation lab to provide experiential training to our health practitioners in a safe and controlled environment; providing student support through expanded wraparound services; and establishing sustainable universitycommunity partnerships.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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